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On January 6, 2005, the 800 MHz Transition Administrator (TA)¹ released a press release providing guidance to those Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio System ("ESMR") licensees wishing to file 800 MHz relocation elections with the TA. Pursuant to the 800 MHz R&O, ESMR licensees employing cellular-type systems in the 800 MHz band must elect one of the following options: (1) to relocate all of their systems in a market into the new ESMR portion of the 800 MHz band; (2) to relocate their systems as close as possible to the new ESMR band but remain in the non-cellular portion of the band operating on a strict non-interference basis; or (3) to remain on their current channels on a strict non-interference basis. ESMR operators should identify their election(s) by Economic Area ("EA").

The press release is available on the TA website (<u>www.800TA.org</u>) and may also be viewed via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. We encourage licensees desiring to make an election to consult the press release and address any questions to the TA at (888)800-8220 (888.800.TA20) or via email at ESMR.election@800TA.org.

Documents relating to the 800 MHz reconfiguration process are available at http://www.800MHz.gov. For information on the 800 MHz proceeding, contact Roberto Mussenden, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0680, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to Roberto.Mussenden@fcc.gov.

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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¹ In July, 2004, the Commission adopted a *Report and Order* in this docket which reconfigured the 800 MHz band to eliminate interference to public safety communication systems operating in the band. Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket 02-55, *Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 14969 (2004) as amended by Erratum, DA 04-3208, 19 FCC Rcd 19651 (2004), and Erratum, DA 04-3459, 19 FCC Rcd 21818 (2004) (800 MHz R&O). As part of the 800 MHz R&O, the Commission mandated that the logistics of the reconfiguration process be overseen by an independent third-party, the Transition Administrator.